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Proceedings

TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

September 18, 1917.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association assembled at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C., 9:30 A. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. E. S. Brown and Rev. P. G. Gilmore.

Hymn No. 335 was sung. The 194th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. S. Bownes. Next selection, No. 398, "What various hindrances we meet, when coming to the mercy seat.

The Moderator, in a few but well chosen words, announced the order of the hour and introduced Rev. S. R .Riddick, Pastor, to deliver the Welcome Address.

The Welcome Address embodied a great assurance of the preparation that has been made for the Association, and how grateful the people are to have the Association convene with them.

The Chair appointed Rev. P. G. Gilmore to deliver the response to the Address. The speaker voiced the sentiments of the Association at large, when he accepted the many features of the Address; and promised that the Association would play its part in executing its mission for good.

The Chair extended an invitation to messengers and ministers, to seat and voice.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, and at the absence of the Rev. C. H. Williams, the appointee, Rev. J. A. G. McNair, ascended the stand, accompanied by Rev. C. H. Stokes.

Hymn No. 348, "Amazing Sight the Savior Stands," was sung. Matthew, 25th chapter, was read. Prayer by Brother C. D. McNair. Next selection No. 350.

The Chair introduced Rev. C. H. Stokes to preach the Introduction. Rev. Stokes took for his text, "I am the way, truth and the light," John 14-6.

OUTLINES.

Introduction: Occasion of the text.

I. If you accept Jesus as the way, He will protect you and lead you to eternal life. Authentic evidences.

II. Results obtained by those who have accepted Jesus as the way, and the light.

Conclusion: An entreaty to the Association to retain Jesus as the way, truth and the light, and success will be ours, both spiritually and materially.

Prayer was offered by Rev. James A. G. McNair. Collection, $1.30

The Chair announced the meeting ready for business.

A motion prevailed that the pastor and deacons be Committee on Arrangement, Hours of Service and Pulpit Supplies.

Report of the Committee on Hours of Services. (See report.) The report was received and adopted. Adjournment was ordered. Benediction by Rev. P. G. Gilmore.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 2:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. G. Gilmore. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. G. L. Williams and Stephen Otterbridge. Hymn No. 378 was sung. Eleven verses of the 14th chapter of John were read. Prayer was offered by Rev. Stephen Otterbridge. Hymn No. 365 was sung.

The meeting was announced open for the transaction of business. Motion that the minutes of the last half-day's session be read. Motion that the minutes be received and adopted with the proper correction. Enrolled churches and delegates.

There was no reason given for the failure of William's Chapel and St. James to represent in the last Association. It was proven that Willow Chapel represented, and the cause of the mistake was the failure of the delegate to file a church letter.

Motion that there be a Committee of three on Finance, viz: Brothers C. C. Close, C. D. McNair and F. A. Mordica. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that there be a Committee of five on Place and Preachers for the next Association: Brothers F. D. Williams, W. B. Nickols, S. M. Wynbush, L. J. Ewell and Ashley Daniel. The above names were affirmed. Motion that there be a Committee of seven on the Nomination of Officers, viz: Brothers C. H. Price, A. A. Jones, Robert Mason, L. J. Ewell, C. C. Close, C. W. Archer and C. D. McNair. The above names were affirmed. Motion that there be a Committee of three on Credentials, viz: Revs. Peter Moore, G. L. Williams and R. C. Yarrell. The above names were affirmed. Motion that there be a Committee of three on Obituary, viz: Revs. J. G. McNair, R. C. Yarrell and E. S. Bownes. The above names were affirmed. Motion that there be a

Committee of three on Sunday School, viz. Revs. J. A. Taylor, H. C. Jones and Brother P. T. Everett. The above names were affirmed. All grievances were referred to the Executive Board. Motion that there be a Committee of three on Newly Organized Churches, viz: Revs. C .W. Brown, Peter Moore and G. M. Williams. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that we will not call the roll in regular order, but call the ministers first.

Motion that Brother P. T. Everett be excused from morning and night services. Rev. C. H. Williams was excused for the session.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted. Collection, $1.55. Adjournment was ordered. Benediction by Rev. E. S. Bownes.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

TUESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. R. C. Yarrell and C. W. Brown. Hymn No. 399 was sung.

PROGRAMME:

Rev. S. R. Riddick, Pastor, Master of Ceremony.

Welcome Addresses:

Sunday School .....Brother H. F. Everett
Music ..... Congregational
M. E. Church ..... Brother F. L. Allen, District Supt.
Mutual Life Insurance.
Music ..... Congregational
Town .....Prof. A. J. Manning, County Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. W. C. Manning, Pres. Williamston Elec.Co.
Response ..... Prof. N. S. Hargrave, Principal Higg's Roanoke Seminary, Parmele, N. C.

Collection, $10.10. Four dollars and fifteen cents were raised for Sister Frances White. Benediction by Rev. R. C. Yarrell.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association

reassembled at 9 o'clock A. M., September 19, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. R. C. Yarrell and H. L. Davenport. Hymn No. 422 was sung. Prayer was offered by Prof. N. S. Hargrave. Next selection No. 576. The meeting was announced ready for business.

Motion that the minutes of the last half-day and night session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper correction. The Constitution and By-laws were read. Motion that there be a Committee of three on the Revision of the Constitution, viz: Dr. J. W. Williams, Rev. S. R. Riddick and Rev. G. L. Williams. The above names were affirmed.

Motion that the letter from the President of Higgs Roanoke Seminary be read. The President, Rev. I. S. Riddick, was excused from the session. Prof. N. S. Hargrave, Principal of Higgs Roanoke Seminary, was called on to speak a few words in the behalf of the school. The President's Address was deferred until the Union. The Treasurer's report was deferred until this afternoon. The report of the Executive was deferred until Thursday.

Motion that the doors of the Association be opened for the reception of churches and members. Rev. Z. R. Powell was given the right hand of fellowship.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Report of the Field Missionary, Sister Rebecca Griffin. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Business was vacated for preaching. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D.

The appointees, Revs. W. G. Edmund and W. L. Everett, took their places. Hymn No. 10 was sung. The 23rd ———— was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Everett. Hymn No. 119 was sung. The Speaker, Rev. W. G. Edmund, selected for his text: "And she brought forth her first born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.—St. Luke 2-7. Introduction: The occasion of the text and the reason there was no room for Jesus.

I. Why there ought to have been room for Jesus.

II. The heart is the place to make room for Jesus, and how.

Conclusion: An entreaty to make room for Jesus.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. W. Brown. A few words of praises were sung. The Chair appointed Prof. Hargrave to raise the collection, which amounted to $6.00. Benediction by Rev. W. G. Edmund.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.

REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 2.00 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. T. H. Black and C. H. Stokes. Hymn No. 30 was sung. The third chapter of St. John was read. Prayer was offered by Brother James Duggins. Hymn No. 387 was sung. The Chair announced the meeting ready for business. Motion that the minutes of the last half-day's session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper correction.

Report of the Treasurer. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Motion that there be a Committee of three on the State and Condition of the Country, viz: Dr. J. W. Williams, Hon. T. W. C. Moore and Prof. N. S. Hargrave. The above names were affirmed.

Report of the Committee on Place and Preachers for the next Association. (See report.) The report was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of the Committee on Nomination of Officers. (See report.) The report was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of the Committee on Pulpit Supplies. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Motion that Rev. W. G. Edmund be excused for the remainder of the session.

Motion that Prof. Hargrave be given thirty minutes to represent our work at Parmele, N. C.

Motion that Prof. Hargrave represent the work in full on Thursday at 11 o'clock.

The Chair appointed Brothers Ashley Daniel and Ben Nickols to raise the collection, which amounted to $7.55. Benediction by Rev. T. H. Black.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Thirty minutes were devoted to Praise Services. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Appointees, Revs. C. W. Brown and G. L. Williams.

Music was rendered by the M. E. Church choir, Brother G. W Hyman, Director. Voluntary, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Hymn No. 196

was sung. The 14th chapter of Romans was read. Prayer was offered by Brother Ben Nickols. Next selection 684. The Moderator introduced the Speaker of the hour in the person of Rev. C. W. Brown, who selected for his text: "So the Ship Master came to him and said unto him: 'What meanest thou, Oh sleeper, arise and call upon thy God.'" Jonah 1-6.

Subject: Danger In Sleep.

Introduction: The reason Jonah was aboard the ship, and why the words were spoken.

I. The dangers in resisting the call of God.

II. The reward of those who obey and respond to the call of the Lord.

III. The dangers in sleeping in sin.

IV. The reward of those who have awaken from their sinful slumber.

Conclusion: A review of the spiritual side of the sermon.

Prayer was offered by Hon. T. W. C. Moore. Selection by the choir, "He Leadest Me." The Chair appointed Rev. J. A. G. McNair and Prof. Hargrave to raise the collection, which amounted to $17.00. Seven dollars and ten cents were raised for a sick sister in the person of Sister Frances White. Doxology. Benediction by Rev. C. W. Brown.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.

REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 9 30 o'clock A. M., September 20, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs, R. F. Flemmings and E. S. Bownes Hymn No. 375 was sung. The 108th Psalm was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Davenport. "Dark Was The Night," was sung. The meeting was declared ready for business. Motion that the minutes of the last half-day session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper correction.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution. (See report.) It was affirmed.

Report of the Committee on Obituary. (See report.) The report was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of the Executive Board. (See report.) The report was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on State and Condition of the Country. (See report.) The report was received and adopted and the Com-

mittee discharged.

Business was vacated for the principal address of the hour, by Prof. N. S. Hargrave. The address included the condition and powers of the Negroes, and the intention and ability of Higgs Roanoke Seminary to change potential energy to kenetic. The Chair appointed Brothers Ben Nickols and J. D. Slade to raise the collection, which amounted to $20.30. Benediction by Rev. T. H. Black.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted in regular order. The Chair declared the meeting ready for business.

Motion that the minutes of the last half-day's session be read. The minutes were received and adopted with the proper corrections.

A special collection of $10.15 was raised for the Association.

Report of the Finance Committee. (See report.) The report was received and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Motion that a vote of thanks be given Mt. Shiloh and community.

Sister Ida Everett was given permission to address the Association. Four dollars were raised for the cause she represented. Benediction. Adjournment.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS, D. D., Moderator.
REV. J. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

APPENDIX

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called to order and remarks by the Moderator.
2. Address of Welcome and Response.
3. Inviting Visitors and Messengers to seats.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Reading the Constitution and By-laws.
6. Enrolling Churches and Delegates.

7. Report of Churches failed to represent last session or sessions.

8. Appointment of Committees and Report of Churches.

9. Report of the President of the Roanoke Seminary.

10. Report of Treasurer.

11. Report of Executive Board and Trustee Board.

12. Reports of various Committees.

13. Reports of Corresponding Messengers.

14. Miscellaneous Business, Etc.

CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Ground Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, licensed preachers, messengers from churches and life members, who shall be entitled to seats in the same.

Section 3. This Association shall have a Moderator, Vice-Moderator Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, an Auditor, Statistical Seretary, Historian, Executive Board and Board of Trustees, who shall be elected annually by the Association. Their term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the Association, or as soon as their successors are known.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall give bond for double the amount of money that goes into his hands from time to time, from this Association.

Section 5. Any newly organized Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the payment of two dollars.

Section 6. Any male member of a regular Missionary Baptist Church may join this Association by the proper recommendation and the payment of one dollar.

Section 7. Letters received by this Association from the various

churches composing the same shall express the total number in full fellowship, the number baptized, those received by letter, excommunicated, and those deceased since the last sitting of the Association and a statement sent back to the various churches informing them of their entire indebtedness to this Association.

Section 8. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage nor interfere with the internal rights of the churches.

Section 9. The object of this Association shall be to aid Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial and General Education, the Orphan Asylum and the Higgs Roanoke Seminary, Parmele, N. C.

Section 10. It is recommended by this Association that each Church represent with $1.00 per male member and 50 cents per female member.

Section 11. This Association shall supply the several churches composing this body with minutes of each annual session, which shall be directed to the Clerks of the Churches in care of their pastors.

Section 12. This Association shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from any church, minister or member who shall violate its rules or principles of immorality or religion.

Section 13. No question is to be discussed until it is motioned for and seconded and distinctly stated by the Moderator.

Section 14. After a motion is fully before the meeting the mover cannct withdraw it, except by the unanimous consent of the body.

Section 15. A motion shall contain but one distinct proposition.

Section 16. The minutes of each session shall be corrected (if need be) and adopted.

Section 17. This Association shall have power to inquire into, why each church is not represented.

Section 18. This Association shall have power to adjourn to convene with any church Tuesday before the fourth Lord's day in September of each year.

Section 19. The Executive Board shall consist of five members including the Moderator, who shall have power to attend to all neces-

sary business of the Association prior to its sitting, and report annually.

Section 20. Hiscock's Directory, the Constitution and By-laws shall govern this body.

Section 21. All money raised during the Associational year shall be expended for the benefit of the Higgs Roanoke Seminary except for charitable purposes as are herein set forth.

Section 22. The Board of Trustees shall have power to borrow $2,000, and not more than $2,500.
Amendment: The Trustee Board shall consist of a specified number, including honorary members.

Section 23. Each ordained minister belonging to this Association shall pay one dollar; each licensed preacher shall pay fifty cents annually to this Association.

Section 24. The Executive Board and Board of Trustees shall be paid for their services rendered at the sittings of the Association.

Section 25. All the money raised for the benefit of the Roanoke Seminary, shall, after all expenses are paid, go into the Treasury and be drawn out, only by an order from the Secretary of the Trustee Board, signed by the Chairman of the above stated Board.

Section 26. This Constitution shall be subject to a change by a two-third vote of the members present, composing this body.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer. No more than one shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator with these words, "Brother Moderator."

Section 2. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted unless he is out of order. The person speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, but fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

Section 3. No brother shall abruptly break off or absent himself without obtaining liberty from the Association and Moderator.

Section 4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same

subject without obtaining liberty from the Moderator.

Section 5. The Moderator shall not whisper or allow any brother to whisper to him, or prohibit any member from speaking unless he is out of order.

Section 6. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Secretaries, and called over as often as the Association may require.

Section 7. The Moderator may be entitled to give his advice on any subject before putting the vote, but not entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

Section 8. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association.

Section 9. When any member or church is recognized, the same shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg to report that we find that there have been thirty-four deaths in our Fold. For their identification you will please consult the Statistical Table.

J. A. G. McNair, E. S. Bownes, R. C. Yarrell—Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Place and Preacher, beg to report the following: That the next session of the Association be held with St. Mark Baptist Church, Oak City, N. C., Rev. P. G. Gilmore to preach the Introduction, with Rev. J. H. Yarrell, alternate.

F. D. Williams, W. B. Nickols, S. M. Wynbush, L. J. Ewell, A. Daniel—Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SUPPLIES.

We, your Committee on Pulpit Supplies, beg to report, that to preach today at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. W. G. Edmund; alternate, Rev. W. L. Everett. September 19, 1917.

Pastor and Deacons—Committee.

We, your Committee on Pulpit Supplies, beg leave to report, that to peach tonight at 7:30 o'clock P. M., Rev C. M. Brown; alternate, Rev. G. L. Williams. September 19, 1917.

Pastor and Deacons—Committee.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD.

We, the members of the Trustee Board of Higgs Roanoke Seminary, Parmele, N. C., beg leave to report the following:

Received from the last Association, Sept. 21, 1916	$215.39	
" " different Unions	383.31	
" " other sources	40.00	
" " the Sunday School Convention	30.00	
" " the Women's Union	10 00	
" " Brother Ben Nickols	1.00	
Total Receipts		$679.70
Disbursement in general	$621.94	
Balance due for school expenses	168.00	
Total expenditures		789.94
Overdrawn		110.24

All of which we humbly submit,

J. A. Taylor, S. R. Riddick, and T. W. C. Moore, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

I, your Treasurer, beg to report:

Received from the last Association, Sept. 21, 1916	$215.39	
" " different Unions	383.81	
" " other sources	40.00	
" " the Sunday School Convention	30.00	
" " the Women's Union	11.00	
Total receipts		$679.70
Disbursement in general	$621.94	
Balance due for school expenses	168.00	
		789.94
Overdrawn		110.24

Humbly yours,

P. T. EVERETT.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Received from Churches	$198.90	
" " Ordained Ministers	22.50	
" " Licentiates	6.50	
" " Public Collections	73.20	
Total amount		$301.10

This we humbly submit,

F. A. Mordica, Chairman; C. C. Close, C. D. McNair—Com.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY.

Althcugh I am sick and not able to be with you all, I beg to submit the following report:

I sent to the school February 17, 1917, one package of scrap cloth, about one and one-half pounds; one pair of pillow cases, three packages of washing powder and three bars of soap; April 5, 1917, thirty-six pounds of flour, twelve pounds of sugar, two shoulders of meat, one ham, one hog's head, three pounds of side, two pounds of shoulder, two and one-half pecks of meal, one half gallon of peaches, one quart jar of grape preserves, one quart jar of peaches, one quart of peas, and one half box of potatoes.

Names of friends who donated: Wm. Keel, two pecks of meal; L. J. Ewell, twelve pounds of flour; Wm. Jones, two pounds of sugar; Addie Bonds, twelve pounds of flour; Sarah Spruil, four pounds hog's head; Della Keel, shoulder of meat; Lula Duggins, five pounds of sugar; Willie Knight, two pounds of meat; Dellie Keel, jar of peaches; Vinna Keel, shoulder of meat; Bertha Clemons, one-half gallon of meal; Mary Everett, jar of peaches; Mary Hillard, six pounds of flour and one-half peck of meal; Jodie Wilson, ham of meat; Mary Williams, quart of peas; Willie Peel, two pounds of flour and a can of milk; Addie Bonds, five pounds of sugar; Mary Ivins, two pounds of meat; cash, two dollars, from Shiloh Baptist Church, Williamston, N. C., and one dollar from Lily of the Valley, near Plymouth, N. C.

Humbly submitted as voluntary services,

REBECCA GRIFFIN.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF SERVICES.

We, your Committee on Order of Services, beg to report. To meet at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; reassemble at 2 o'clock P M., adjourn at 4 o'clock P. M.; reassemble at 7:30 o'clock P. M., adjourn at pleasure..

Pastor and Deacons—Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We, your Committee on the Nomination of Officers, beg leave to render the following: We have decided to allow all of the officers to remain. With your approval, we submit the same.

C. H. Price, C. C. Close, C. D. McNair, C. W. Archer, A. A. Jones, Robert Mason and L. J. Ewell—Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

We, your Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, beg leave to report the following. We beg to revise the following.

Section 10. That each Church pay to the Association annually one dollar for its male members and fifty cents for its female members.

Section 22. That the Trustee Board shall have power to borrow $1,500, and not more than $2,000.

Amendment: That the Trustee Board shall contain a specified number of members, including honorary members.

J. W. Williams, S. R. Riddick and G. L. Williams—Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND TRUSTEE BOARDS JOINTLY

We, the members of the Boards, beg leave to render the following report:

Whereas, the pecuniary pressure is very great upon our school, and the demands for better accommodations and more comfort are so imperative; the means of complying with these demands have continually claimed our attention.

Rev. S. R. Riddick, Rev. J. A. Taylor and Hon. T. W. C. Moore have been appointed to borrow the amount of $2,000 for the purpose of erecting a building on our campus.

The officers of the Seminary have been re-elected, and the power given to the President and Principal to supply vacancies, if there are any.

We recommend the following as new members on the Trustee Board.

Rev. C. W. Brown, Rev. R. A. Morrisey, D. D., Brother P. T. Everett, and Brother S. P. Burnett. Honorary members: Rev. W. H. Jackson, D. D., White Sulphur, W. Va.; F. M. Clark, Esq, Clifton Forge, Va.; Rev. T. H. Briggs, Richmond, Va.; J. S. McMiller, M. D., Tarboro, N. C.

We have had two applicants for ordination, but after a careful examination they were referred to future study.

Executive Board—J. W. Williams, S. R. Riddick, G. L. Williams, T. H. Black, H. C. Jones.

Trustee Board—J. A. Taylor, S. R. Riddick, T. W. C. Moore.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on the Sunday Schools, beg leave to report:

Whereas, the Sunday School is the Juvenile part of the church for the purpose of training the youths in the service of the Lord, and there ought to be such an organization in every church, and as there is a Sunday School Convention within our bounds having for its object the instilling of a greater spirit of Christian activity within the youths; the awakening of the dormant talents and the contributing to the Higgs Roanoke Seminary and other charity causes;

We, therefore, recommend that each pastor see to it that there be a Sunday School in his church, and that the said Sunday School represesnt in the sub-meeting that will be held at Stokes, N. C., the second Saturday and Sunday in November, and the regular meeting that will be held at Bell Mt. Baptist Church on the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July, 1918, and all succeeding meetings.

Rev. J. A. Taylor, Rev. H. C. Jones, Brother P. T. Everett—Committee.

The Sunday School Convention donated $30.00 to the Higgs Roanoke Seminary.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO HAVE PAID.

Rev. S. R. Riddick, Williamston, N. C.	$1.00
Rev. J. W. Williams, D. D., Oak City, N. C.	1.00
Rev. G. L. Williams, Everetts, N. C.	1.00
Rev. P. G. Gilmore, Hamilton, N. C.	1.00
Rev. C. W. Brown, Tarboro, N. C., R. F. D.	1.00
Rev. Peter Moore Plymouth, N. C., R. F. D.	1.00
Rev. R. C. Yarrell, Robersonville, N. C., R. F. D.	1.00
Rev. J. A. Taylor, Robersonville, N. C., R. F. D.	1.00
Rev. C. H. Williams, Robersonville N. C., R. F. D.	1.00
Rev. A. Cooper, Windsor, N. C.	1.00
Rev. H. C. Jones, Everetts, N. C.	1.00
Rev. Wm. Jenkins, Parmele, N. C.	1.00
Rev. E. S. Bowens, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D.	2.00
Rev. G. M. Williams, Oak City, N. C., R. F. D. (1916-17)	1.00
Rev. J. A. McNair, Plymouth, N. C., R. F. D.	1.00

Rev. Z. R. Powell, Plymouth, N. C..... 1.00
Rev. J. H. Farrell, Bethel, N. C., R. F. D. (1915-16-17)..... 3.00
Rev. R. F. Flemings, Hassell, N. C., R. F. D. (1915-16 1-2 '17).... 1.50
Rev. W. G. Edmonds, Spring Hill, N. C..... 1.00
Rev. T. H. Black, Hassell, N. C..... 1.00
Rev. McOtterbridge, Everetts, N. C..... 1.00
Rev. W. W. Staton..... 3.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR FEES

Rev. D. C. Cobb, Plymouth, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. H. B. Smith, Oak City, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. J. W. Ward, Windsor, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. F. M. Jones, Portsmouth, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. A. C. Tillery, Tarboro, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. J. H. Houston, Ayden, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Rev. W. H. Lewis, Creswell, N. C. (1916-17)
Rev. J. J. Tillett, Winterville, N. C. (1916-17)

LICENTIATE MINISTERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR FEES.

Brother J. H. Floyd, Fountain, N. C.....$ .50
Brother C. H. Stokes, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D..... 1.00
Brother G. M. White, Williamston, N. C..... .50
Brother A. H. James, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D..... .50
Brother H. L. Davenport, Plymouth, N. C..... 1.00
Brother W. L. Everett, Everetts, N. C..... .50
Brother E. W. Sutten, Jamesville, N. C..... .50
Brother J. W. Rodgers, Williamston, N. C..... 1.00
Brother R. E. Manning, Williamston, N. C..... 1.00
Brother Lewis Otterbridge, Williamston, N. C..... 1.00

LICENTIATES WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR FEES.

Brother John Spruil, Plymouth, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Brother D. S. Edmund, Spring Hill, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Brother D. G. Powell, Robersonville, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Brother Ned Andrew, Robersonville, N. C., R. F. D. (1914-15-16-17)
Brother J. W. Bell, Williams, N. C. (1914-15-16-17)
Brother Joe Pew, Robersonville, N. C. (1915-16-17)

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL.

Donation, Rev J. J. Tillett.....$ 50

"	Mr. Hines	5.00
"	Rev. J. A. Taylor	5.00
"	Rev. S. R. Riddick	1.00
"	Mr. Joe Staton	3.00
"	Mr. W. M. Brooks	1.00
"	Mr. W. B. Nicholas	2.50
Collection,	Lily of the Valley (Plymouth)	4.85
"	Lily of the Valley, Everetts	5.05
"	St. Mark, Oak City	6.35
"	St. John, Stokes	3.00
"	Second Zion Grove	2.00
"	Woman's Union	2.01
"	St. John Stokes	1.41
"	Willow Chapel (Gold Point)	6.83
"	Women's Union	5.34
"	Middle Ground Association	5.00
"	Woman's Union	30.00
"	First Baptist Church, Williamston	13.37
"	Hamilton Baptist Church	14.75

PROVISIONS.

Oak City, St. Mark, 2 bbls. valued	$15.00
Whitakers Shiloh, 9 bbls	75.00
M. C. Gaynor	2.60
E. D. Briley	2.10
W. M. Cherry	15.30
Otterbridge, Everett	7.00
Rev. J. A. Taylor	2.00
Rev. P. G. Gilmore	2.00
Mr. Daniel Stokes	3.00
Wynne's Chapel	2.50
Mrs. Griffin, Everetts, 1 bbl	5.00

Since school has closed, Woman's Union has given $10.00; one brother gave $1.00, which made $11.00.